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TechNet Recognizes Top Tech Legislators for 2002
Senator Joe Lieberman (CT), Senator George Allen (VA)
Representative Christopher Cox (CA), Representative Anna Eshoo (CA)

Palo Alto – TechNet, a network of 200 CEOs and senior executives in the high tech and biotech communities, today announced its 2002 Founders Circle Award Winners. The recipients, chosen by TechNet members, championed TechNet's policy agenda during the past year. By tradition, the winners include one member of each political party in the House and one member of each political party in the Senate.

"We are very pleased with the results of the 2002 TechNet Day Founders Circle voting," stated Rick White, President of TechNet. "Our award winners have worked hard and in an effective, bipartisan way to advance TechNet policy initiatives for the country and the communities they serve."

"Ever since **Chris Cox** became a Congressman, he has been alert to a wide range of issues that can help or hinder the high tech community's contribution to the US economy," offered Ted Smith, Founder of FileNET. "He continues to sponsor legislation and use his influence to advance innovation and growth."

"We're fortunate to have leaders like **George Allen**, 2002 chairman of the Senate Republican High Tech Task Force, in leadership positions," stated Jim Barksdale, co-founder of TechNet and an AOL-Time Warner board member. "As former governor and current senator of one of the nation's leading technology hubs, George Allen understands the relationship between the health of the technology industry and the overall national economy."

"**Joe Lieberman** is one of the most thoughtful United States Senators on technology issues," remarked John Doerr, another TechNet co-founder and partner at venture capital firm Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers. "He authored and led the passage of the landmark Tech Talent education bill. He is an advocate of legislation to speed the deployment of broadband Internet and is committed to rank and file stock ownership."

"Silicon Valley's **Anna Eshoo** has always had her finger on the pulse of innovation," Doerr continued. "Her unique understanding of high technology and biotechnology issues makes her a leader for her community and the country on education, employee stock options, broadband, privacy and e-commerce."

TechNet is a national, bipartisan network of CEOs that promotes the growth of technology industries and the economy by building long-term relationships between technology leaders and policymakers and by advocating a targeted policy agenda. TechNet, based in Silicon Valley, has offices in Seattle, Boston, Austin, and Orange County (California).